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NOTE FOR: Julian Nall
FROM: Herbert E. Meyer
SUBJECT: Looking at Structural Change

Thank you for sending me this paper. I very much applaud this kind of effort and I hope this draft gets wide circulation. It makes one think, and that is a tremendous achievement.

My own view is that whoever wrote this must be the most depressing individual since Malthus. He or she sees absolutely no benefit to any present or imaginable trend. If I thought for one moment the author was correct, I would throw myself and my family off the roof.

Again, I very much applaud the effort. But would you please tell the anonymous author to cheer up.



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Attachment:
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Looking At Structural ChangeScope Note

From time to time, the Directorate of Intelligence publishes essays or studies, which--although they reflect the viewpoint of a single analyst and not the coordinated position of the Directorate as a whole--are sufficiently insightful and provocative to warrant dissemination at high levels in the intelligence and policy communities. We believe that this essay will stimulate healthy debate and fruitful speculation about issues of great importance to the United States.

The essay charts the potential impact of technological change over the next several decades on the organization of production and employment and on the structure of society and politics. It further examines how these changes may be reflected in the status and power of individual nations in the industrialized West, the Communist Bloc, and the Third World.

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